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## Big Fair at Boley to be Howling Success

### DIRECTORS OF FAIR HOLD BUSINESS MEETING IN BOLEY

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Negro State Fair Association held at Boley this week arrangements were completed for putting on the big four days fair at Boley commencing September 25 and ending September 28. This fair promises to surpass any efforts put forth by the race anywhere heretofore. The people of Boley are doing everything in their power to make the fair a success and judging from the efforts begun put forth they will brook no failure. The business men of Boley are leaving nothing undone to prove to the outside world that they are capable of doing big things in the big way. The Tulsa Star secured the printing of the souvenir-program for the fair and has employed a well known citizen of Boley to gather information concerning the history of Boley and her successful business men and women.

This souvenir-program will contain some valuable information about the great Colored metropolis and her citizens and will be a splendid advertisement for Boley.



D. J. TURNER

Mayor of Boley, vice president of the Fair Association and member of the board of directors of the Fair Association. Mr. Turner is also president of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Boley.

ment for Boley. So far as the Tulsa Star has able to judge there is a general wave of enthusiasm among the Colored people of the state over the fair and considered from this part of the world. Not only the people of Boley, but some of the most influential men of our race in this state, are identified with the fair and are working early and late to make the coming fair to be held at Boley, September 25 to 28, complete in every detail. Large folders and advertising matter of every description are being sent broadcast, and money is not being spared in giving the fair all the publicity needed to attract a large crowd to Boley.

The people of Boley are in accord with the move, and are lending all the assistance they can. Below we are giving the board of directors, who are leaders in our race:

#### Board of Directors

J. Coody Johnson, Muskogee, president; W. H. Twine, Muskogee, secretary; J. R. McReilly, Boley; J. D. Turner, Boley; G. W. F. Sauner, Chandler; W. F. Davidson, Wewoka; A. J. Smithman, Tulsa; T. H. Troy, Oklahoma City.

Our sister city, Muskogee, sent six young men and women to Tuskegee Institute this week. These young people left Sunday. There are many in these parts who believe in industrial education.

### "THE MEMPHIS BLUES"

Irvin S. Cobb in Saturday Evening Post.

Two days we stayed on Boley (with an American Negro regiment near the front), and they were two days of a superior variety of continuous black face vaudeville. There was the evening when for our benefit the men organized an impromptu concert featuring a quartet that would succeed on any man's horseshoe circuit, and a troupe of back and wing dancers whose equities it would be hard to find on the Big Time. There was the next evening when the band of forty pieces serenaded us. I think surely this must be the best regimental band in our army. Certainly it is the best I have heard in Europe during the war. On parade when it played the "Memphis Blues" the men did not march; the music poured in at their ears and ran down to their heels, and instead of marching they literally danced their way along.

As for the dwellers of the French towns in which this regiment has from time to time been quartered, they, I am told, fairly go mad when some alluring, compelling ragtime tune is played with that richness of syncopated melody in it which only the Black man can achieve, and as the regiment has moved on, more than once it has been hard to keep the attached inhabitants of the village that the band was spitting from moving on with it.

If I live to be a hundred and I shall never forget the night which was a night of a splendid, flawless full moon. We stood with the regimental staff on the terrace of the chief house in a half-deserted town five miles back from the trenches, and down below us in the main street the band played plantation airs and hundreds of Negro soldiers joined in and sang the words. Behind the masses of untanned dark faces was a ring of white ones where the remaining natives of the place clustered, with their heads wagging in time to the tunes.

And when the band got to "Way Down Upon the Swannee River," I wanted to cry, and when the drum major, who likewise had a splendid baritone voice, sang an interpolated number, "Joan of Arc," first in English and then in excellent French the villagers openly cried; and an elderly peasant, heavily beset with the tears of a joyous and thankful enthusiasm running down his bearded cheeks, was with difficulty restrained from throwing his arms about the soloist and kissing him.

### NEGROES BURNED

HELENA, Ark., Sept. 4.—A negro named Rawlings, his wife and two children, perished in a fire which destroyed the negro's home south of here last night. A daughter, 17 years old, and a son, 12, were the only members of the family to escape.

### COLORED OFFICERS AT CAMP PIKE SHIFED

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—All the Colored commission officers at Camp Pike in this state, who were assigned to duty at the Officers' Training camp there, it has been reported, have been relieved from duty and assigned elsewhere, some to non-combatant organizations. No reason has been given, it is said, for it.

The gentleman who lives by his wits and scheming should be styled an undesirable.

Sergeant Butler of Famous Fifthteenth N. Y. Reg. Puts Enemies To Rout Single-Handed

### RESCUES 5 COMRADES

Prevents Huns From Capturing White Officer and Four Privates. Is Awarded Croix de Guerre

WITH THE AMERICAN NEGRO CONTINGENT ON THE FRENCH FRONT, August 23.—Look out, you Blue Germans, for coming! yelled William Butler, of New York, as he leaped from a shallow pit in advance of the firing trenches and trained his automatic rifle on the enemy.

Butler who was an "indoor champion" once upon a time, "come" with such good effect that he liberated his white lieutenant and four American privates from the foe's clutches and killed at least four Boches, badly wounding a Prussian officer, who lay dead, and put a score of Boches to ignominious flight.

He concluded his "private war" by pushing the Germans right up to their own line and manfully tossing hand grenades into their dugouts. Though at the time their barrage was cutting the earth all around him.

Butler's exploit for which he received the Croix de Guerre, avails the performance of Henry Johnson and Needham Roberts, private, in the same regiment, the first of which was earned in this country last May. It is additional proof of the fighting qualities of our Colored Soldiers.

The engagement in which Butler played so splendid a role took place in the early morning of August 18, in the regimental sector near Laizans, Champagne, northeast of Stenim. Following a sharp artillery preparation, the enemy launched a "strong raiding party," which cutting in from two sides managed to bring out of a range of barbed wire, four front line combat posts. In one of them, Lieutenant G. B. Jones, stepping over to light a cigarette, was jumped by five Boches. He and four of his men were dragged out of the trench in No Man's Land. On the way the raiders with their prisoners ahead of them passed within twenty yards of a little advance post in which Butler crouched with two privates.

Jones cried, "Not yet sir, I'll shoot!" the sergeant sang out. "The German were so flustered by this colloquy which seemed to them to indicate an ambush, that they wheeled, retreating towards Butler's hiding place. Lieutenant Jones immediately signaled his four men to follow him and clambered up the side of the trench. As the five started back towards the American lines, the lieutenant cried, "Now let 'em have it, sergeant."

Butler shrieked his warning to the "Blue Germans" and tumbled them the darkness to a point from which he could enfilade the trench they were in and cut loose with his automatic. The Boches "made up a train" as the Colored troops say, and within a loss of time they skedaddled toward the top of the trench, leaving the wounded officers and four privates killed in the trenches.

Butler chased them to within their own wire and doubtless slew some more with his hand grenades. He rambled all over the sector in search of grey-green prey returning to the combat post only when he was completely exhausted.

"Guess I just ran amuck," he said afterwards.

The "Mysterious Grey Car" arrived this morning from Colorado with Mr. Phillips, the woner and other occupants in fine condition.



L. L. DOLPH

One of Boley's largest and most successful merchants, who is also an enthusiastic booster for the fair.

### CARRY IT UP

A pernicious custom prevails in some of the government offices of refusing to give employment, solely on the ground of color, to applicants who have passed civil service examinations with high averages, been duly certified and ordered to report for duty. As soon as it is discovered that they are Colored, they are either bluntly told that they can not be given the position on that a count alone, or else they are publicly and sneeringly informed that "we regret to tell you that at present there are no vacancies." Several glaring cases of this kind have recently been reported from Washington and other localities.

From some local experiences which we have had, we are inclined to believe that in many cases—not all, of course—prejudiced and officious subordinates, and not the heads of the department, are responsible for this discrimination and glaring injustice and that it ought to be taken up with the head of the department.

But whoever is responsible for it, those in authority ought to see to it and must see to it that it ceases. The government of the United States is too big to allow his practice to persist in the face of the crying need for efficient and proficient workers. Locally, character and ability should be, and eventually will be, the only requisites.

When confronted by this discrimination, don't give up. Carry it up to the head. Justice will finally triumph.—Omaha OMatro.

THE Christian Index in a recent issue said:

Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, ripe scholar, able writer, eloquent speaker, has served for twenty-five years as professor in Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. This has given him a splendid opportunity for assisting in the training of the Negro ministry. He has been eminently successful.

OUR friend Mr. Billy McClain, is busy on his sanitary drive, let all of us co-operate with him.

### RACE MEETING CALLED FOR SEPTEMBER 17 AT CHICAGO

The National Equal Rights League has issued a call for a meeting of race men and women to meet in Chicago September 17, 18 and 19, for the purpose of organizing a solid front to push the claims of the race for a full share of democracy here in the United States. Race men in every state are requested to send delegates to the meeting.

### IT IS TO LAUGH

When directors of singing in cafeterias of the country were before appointed, colored people were not notified. As a result there is not a colored song leader for any of the three hundred thousand men now in the service. We are treated to the ludicrous spectacle of a Jew, Max Weinstein, in charge for all colored troops.

Since his appointment Weinstein has been at Tuskegee and other centers studying music of colored people. After one year's work he poses as the best informed man on Negro music in the country. Nathaniel Dett, of Hampton, Harry Burleigh, of New York, and others like them who have made Negro songs what they are today by devoting their lives to it, are passed over for a parvenue like Weinstein.

White people can teach Colored people a good many things. When they presume to teach Colored people how to interpret their own songs, it is going a little too far. It is no wonder Camp Meade laughed at Weinstein on his first appearance. They should have laughed him off the stage.

### NURSES THREATEN TO WALK OUT

(Los Angeles Times, Aug. 15)

If Colored women are admitted to the training school for nurses at the county hospital it may result in a general walk-out of practically all the White women nurses and internes. It was stated today that an agreement had been signed by about 120 nurses and doctors now employed at the institution to refuse to work if Colored women are admitted to the school. The next contingent of applicants for nurses will enter the school Thursday.

Recently the supervisors, at the request of a Colored attorney, agreed to let down the bars and permit Colored women to enter the training school. Two Colored women were declared to have since applied for admittance and were believed to be on the list of those who will enter this week.

It was contended that, because of the crowded conditions of sleeping quarters for employees, it would be necessary for the White and Colored women to occupy the same rooms, and this was objected to by many of the White nurses. It also was stated that in case the Colored women qualified as nurses they would be placed in charge of a large number of White students under existing systems.

Chairman Hamilton of the board of supervisors made the following statement:

"I believe that on taking second thought, those who have signed the agreement to quit work if Colored nurses are admitted to the hospital will reconsider their action and loyally remain at their posts of duty."

"We are waging a war for democracy—for the principle that all men are created equal. Colored men are laying down their lives in France for the protection of our homes, our women and our children."

"There is a crying need for nurses, both at home and abroad. Our high schools are graduating numbers of Colored girls who are in every way fitted for this self-sacrifice service."

"It would be undemocratic and unpatriotic, not to say, unchristian, to deny them equality of opportunity in this field."

"I am sure our nurses will see their duty and do it in kindly spirit. The board of supervisors would be recreant to its obligations to the relatives."

country if it would yield to this demand."

A committee of nurses met with the supervisors to consider the question. It was pointed out that Colored people of Los Angeles pay \$160.00 in taxes. It was also suggested that a section of the hospital be set aside for Colored nurses. This suggestion proved impracticable, because patients are divided according to diseases, and it would be necessary to build a new hospital to put this plan into effect.

The Portland (Oregon) Advocate says:

Mrs. Effie Harris of Chicago, only Colored chief corps delegate attending the G. A. R. convention in session this week in this city is one of the most sought after women in the city. She look after all of the business of the Chicago contingent.

### Dr. MORTON'S ADDRESS TO THE NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE

HST: We must make up our minds pretty clearly that we have got to stand behind our newspapers. These publications have fought our for light and justice and they have rarely omitted an act, or overlooked an opportunity to help, both as to co-operation in business and among business men. They have urged our people to support Negro business enterprises and have pointed out that the only certain road to progress is the opening up of business avenues for the young men and women of the race. No group among our people has been more persistent, more patient, more far-sighted, more self-sacrificing than have the publishers of our newspapers. They have worked against great odds, with greatest handicaps, and sometimes I fear, with least appreciation. We must stand behind them and strengthen them with subscriptions, with advertisements, and with wholehearted support. I would like to see a movement started among these newspapers in a great effort to secure advertising of the more important kind let the National League stand with the Press Association in an effort of this kind among these publishers. We can perfect an organization some thing like the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, an open office in the great advertising centers like New York and Chicago, and have earnest, honest, aggressive young men to present to advertisers and advertising agencies, the buying power of the Negro race and the power of the Negro press. I am confident that some such effort will be productive of good and effective results, and would also give the race a new contact with the business men of the country, and what is of equal importance, it would give the business men of the white race, a new contact with the business men of our race. The Negro newspapers have given most loyal support to the government since the beginning of the war, and from a purely commercial angle, they have demonstrated that they can carry a message in an effective way to the 12,000,000 Negroes of this country.

Now that the way has been opened, we can do no better thing than to follow up and more firmly establish the relationships which have thus been established between the Negro newspapers and the advertising men of national importance who have charge of the Government Publicity work.

James Easley left this morning to spend a few days with his baby and recreant to its obligations to the relatives.